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O Almighty God and heavenly Father we come before thee with hearts filled with love and adoration. We worship and praise thee O God, we call thee by name in presumed familiarity - but we humbly acknowledge that our best wrought ideas - our loftiest conceptions never adequately define thy majesty. We are made humble before thine infinite mystery: as we draw nigh to thee we are brought face to face with our limitations and smallness. Give ear O Lord as we lift our voices to thee.

O thou who art the creator and sustainer of all mankind we give thee hearty thanks for all we have been given. As we contemplate the wonders of the universe - the magnificence of thy handiwork we rejoice in thy goodness. Thou hast given us the gift of life itself, air to breathe, a world to enjoy, Families and friends to love. For these and so much more we are truly grateful.

We thank thee O Lord for our church, for the renewal and fellowship we find here. Guide us as we labor together - Fill us with zeal and the power of thy holy spirit - that we, through thy church, may further thy kingdom on earth.

O God, our Father as we progress through this Lenten Season lend thy presence to our lives. As we carry on our daily routines break into our consciousness with the glorious news of a risen Christ -: open our hearts and minds: strengthen our faith and deepen our awareness that in all things we may be closer to thee.

O Lord of forgiveness and mercy, be with those throughout the world who are less fortunate than ~~thes~~ we. Give courage to the downtrodden: sustainance and patience to the suffering. Be with those of our own number who are ill - ~~Mrs. Schooger~~ :- ~~comfort to Mrs. McCoy~~. Give to us all the healing assurance of our salvation. Help us to know that in Christ we may be made whole - and may be given life eternal.

All this we ask, remembering him who died that we might live. Even Jesus Christ

Amen.